#### 103D CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 2070

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to establish a program to demonstrate the benefits and feasibility of redeveloping or reusing abandoned or substantially underutilized land in economically and socially distressed communities, and for other purposes.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Mfume (for himself, Ms. Velázquez, and Mr. Towns) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

### A BILL

- To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to establish a program to demonstrate the benefits and feasibility of redeveloping or reusing abandoned or substantially underutilized land in economically and socially distressed communities, and for other purposes.
  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
  - 3 SECTION. 1. ABANDONED LAND REUSE ACT OF 1993.
  - 4 The Housing and Community Development Act of
  - 5 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) is amended by adding at
  - 6 the end the following new title:

# 1 "TITLE IX—REDEVELOPMENT OR 2 REUSE OF ABANDONED LAND

3 "SEC. 901. SHORT TITLE.

4 "This title may be cited as the 'Abandoned Land

5 Reuse Act of 1993'.

#### 6 "SEC. 902. FINDINGS.

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7 "The Congress finds that—

"(1) past uses of land in the United States for industrial and commercial purposes or the conduct of other economic activities have created many sites throughout the United States that are now abandoned or substantially underutilized;

- "(2) the abandonment or substantial underutilization of the sites referred to in paragraph (1) contribute substantially to the economic and social distress of communities in large portions of the population, including poor and unemployed individuals and disadvantaged population groups, have concentrated;
- "(3) the abandonment or substantial underutilization of the abandoned sites impairs the ability of the Federal Government and the governments of States and political subdivisions of States to provide employment opportunities for, and improve the economic welfare of, the people of the United States

| 1  | and the poor, unemployed, and disadvantaged, in         |
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| 2  | particular;   |
| 3  | "(4) the abandonment or substantial under-              |
| 4  | utilization of the abandoned sites results in the inef- |
| 5  | ficient use of community development facilities and     |
| 6  | related public services, and extends conditions of      |
| 7  | blight in local communities;                            |
| 8  | "(5) the manner in which—                               |
| 9  | "(A) the population of the United States is             |
| 10 | distributed; and  |
| 11 | "(B) communities accommodate the                        |
| 12 | growth of the national economy;                         |
| 13 | affects the employment opportunities, availability of   |
| 14 | capital to provide economic opportunities, social con-  |
| 15 | ditions, and other important conditions of each such    |
| 16 | community;  |
| 17 | "(6) the private market demand for abandoned            |
| 18 | sites has been reduced or eliminated;                   |
| 19 | "(7) the capital available for the redevelopment        |
| 20 | or reuse of abandoned sites may be limited;             |
| 21 | "(8) cooperation among Federal agencies and             |
| 22 | the departments and agencies of States and political    |
| 23 | subdivisions of States is necessary to accomplish       |
| 24 | timely redevelopment or reuse of abandoned sites;       |

| 1  | "(9) in addition, cooperation between the de-         |
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| 2  | partments and agencies referred to in paragraph (8)   |
| 3  | and private parties is necessary to accomplish the    |
| 4  | objective referred to in paragraph (8); and           |
| 5  | "(10) there is a need for a program to dem-           |
| 6  | onstrate the public purposes and benefits of the re-  |
| 7  | development or reuse of abandoned sites.              |
| 8  | "SEC. 903. DEFINITIONS.                               |
| 9  | "As used in this title:                               |
| 10 | "(1) Abandoned site.—The term 'abandoned              |
| 11 | site' means a facility or a combination of geographi- |
| 12 | cally or economically related facilities within the   |
| 13 | same unit or immediately contiguous units of gen-     |
| 14 | eral local government—                                |
| 15 | "(A) that is no longer operating or is so             |
| 16 | substantially underutilized as to provide only        |
| 17 | marginal employment opportunities;                    |
| 18 | "(B) that is located within a community               |
| 19 | that suffers from economic and social distress        |
| 20 | measured by factors referred to in section            |
| 21 | 907(a)(4);  |
| 22 | "(C) that has one or more conditions, con-            |
| 23 | straints, or characteristics (other than only         |
| 24 | being a type of facility with respect to which        |
| 25 | market supply exceeds demand) that are det-           |

rimental to the public health, safety, or welfare and, in the absence of the assistance under this title, prevent or materially discourage the timely redevelopment or reuse of a facility or real property immediately adjacent to the facility for a use or uses that include the provision of employment opportunities in accordance with applicable community development strategies; and

- "(D) with respect to which a person referred to in section 910(a) is unable to fund or finance the full amount of the cost of a reuse action.
- "(2) Facility.—The term 'facility' means an improved or previously improved site or area, or a surface or subsurface improvement to a site or area, including a building, structure, installation, fixture, or equipment on or within the site, that has been used primarily for an industrial or commercial use.
- "(3) GOVERNOR.—The term 'Governor' means the Governor of a State, or the Governor's designee.
- "(4) Local community development organization.—The term 'local community development organization' means a nonprofit organization (as defined in paragraph (7)) that—

| 1  | "(A) has a history of serving the needs of            |
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| 2  | residents of the local community affected by an       |
| 3  | abandoned site;                                       |
| 4  | "(B) maintains accountability to persons              |
| 5  | of low-income in a local community through sig-       |
| 6  | nificant representation on the governing board        |
| 7  | of the organization, and such other means as          |
| 8  | are appropriate; and                                  |
| 9  | "(C) has the institutional and administra-            |
| 10 | tive capacity for carrying out activities assisted    |
| 11 | under this title (as determined by the Sec-           |
| 12 | retary).  |
| 13 | "(5) Local grantee.—The term 'local grant-            |
| 14 | ee' means a local community development organiza-     |
| 15 | tion or unit of general local government.             |
| 16 | "(6) Persons of Low Income.—The term                  |
| 17 | 'persons of low income' has the meaning provided      |
| 18 | the term under section 102(20).                       |
| 19 | "(7) Nonprofit organization.—The term                 |
| 20 | 'nonprofit organization' means any private, nonprofit |
| 21 | organization (including a State or locally chartered, |
| 22 | nonprofit organization)—                              |
| 23 | "(A) that is organized under State or local           |
| 24 | laws:   |

| 1  | "(B) with respect to which no portion of              |
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| 2  | the net earnings inure to the benefit of a mem-       |
| 3  | ber, founder, contributor, or individual associ-      |
| 4  | ated with the organization;                           |
| 5  | "(C) that complies with standards of fi-              |
| 6  | nancial accountability that the Secretary deter-      |
| 7  | mines to be acceptable; and                           |
| 8  | "(D) that carries out activities related to           |
| 9  | the retention or expansion of employment op-          |
| 10 | portunities for, and improvement of economic          |
| 11 | and social conditions of, persons of low income       |
| 12 | "(8) Reuse action.—The term reuse action              |
| 13 | means an action that makes such physical changes      |
| 14 | in, or improvements or additions to, an abandoned     |
| 15 | site so as to enable the timely redevelopment or      |
| 16 | reuse of the site or real property immediately adja-  |
| 17 | cent to the site. Such term shall include the clear-  |
| 18 | ance, demolition, or rehabilitation of the site. Such |
| 19 | term shall not include the construction of new build- |
| 20 | ings on the site.                                     |
| 21 | "(9) Secretary.—The term 'Secretary' means            |
| 22 | the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.       |
| 23 | "(10) State.—The term 'State' has the mean-           |
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ing provided the term under section 102(a)(2).

| 1  | "(11) Unit of general local govern-                       |
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| 2  | MENT.—The term 'unit of general local government'         |
| 3  | has the meaning provided the term in the first sen-       |
| 4  | tence of section 102(a)(1).                               |
| 5  | "SEC. 904. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.                         |
| 6  | "(a) In General.—The Secretary shall select appro-        |
| 7  | priate States in which to establish and carry out either— |
| 8  | "(1) a program to provide grants to States to             |
| 9  | establish a State program to provide grants to local      |
| 10 | grantees; or  |
| 11 | "(2) a direct grant program to provide grants             |
| 12 | to local grantees,  |
| 13 | for the purpose of carrying out the demonstrations de-    |
| 14 | scribed in subsection (b).                                |
| 15 | "(b) Purpose.—The purpose of the programs au-             |
| 16 | thorized by subsection (a) is to demonstrate—             |
| 17 | "(1) the economic feasibility of redevelopment            |
| 18 | or reuse of abandoned sites;                              |
| 19 | "(2) the employment benefits, economic bene-              |
| 20 | fits, social benefits, and such other benefits to dis-    |
| 21 | tressed communities that may occur as a result of         |
| 22 | focusing financial resources and cooperative action       |
| 23 | on the redevelopment or reuse of abandoned sites:         |

| 1  | "(3) the beneficial impacts on patterns of com-            |
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| 2  | munity development and use of public resources of          |
| 3  | redevelopment or reuse of abandoned sites; and             |
| 4  | "(4) the feasibility of timely, cooperative ac-            |
| 5  | tion—  |
| 6  | "(A) among Federal agencies and depart-                    |
| 7  | ments and agencies of States and political sub-            |
| 8  | divisions of States that have jurisdiction over            |
| 9  | the redevelopment or reuse of abandoned sites;             |
| 10 | and  |
| 11 | "(B) between the agencies and depart-                      |
| 12 | ments referred to in subparagraph (A) and pri-             |
| 13 | vate parties.  |
| 14 | "(c) Allocation of Funds.—The Secretary shall              |
| 15 | allocate funds made available pursuant to this title among |
| 16 | the States or to local grantees. In allocating the funds,  |
| 17 | the Secretary shall take into account—                     |
| 18 | "(1) the relative commitment of a State and                |
| 19 | local grantees to achieving successfully the dem-          |
| 20 | onstrations described in subsection (b) measured by        |
| 21 | factors that include that referred to in section           |
| 22 | 907(a)(7);   |
| 23 | "(2) the relative number of abandoned sites in             |
| 24 | the State;   |

"(3) the need to allocate funds in amounts that will contribute to achieving successfully the demonstrations described in subsection (b); and

> "(4) the desirability of carrying out a variety of demonstration projects with respect to the location, characteristics, and issues addressed by the projects, and the types of participants associated with the projects.

#### "(d) Scope of Program.—

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- "(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the demonstration program established under subsection (a), the Secretary may award a grant to a State pursuant to section 905 or to a local grantee that submits an approved application to the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (2).
- "(2) Grant application.—An application for a grant under this section shall include a proposal for a reuse action for the redevelopment or reuse of an abandoned site, and shall be in such form as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.
- "(3) Competitive selection procedure.— Each grant made under this title by the Secretary or a Governor to a State or local grantee shall be made on the basis of an open and competitive selection procedure approved by the Secretary. In making

- a grant to a local grantee, the Secretary shall conduct a selection procedure on a State-by-State basis.
- "(4) SELECTION OF SITES BY GOVERNOR.—If a State establishes a State demonstration program that is approved in accordance with section 905, the Governor shall select the abandoned sites to receive assistance under the grant program. In carrying out the demonstration program, the Governor may act through appropriate officials of the State.
  - "(5) Grant awards.—Except as provided in paragraph (6), the aggregate amount of grants awarded for reuse actions at an abandoned site shall not exceed an amount equal to 75 percent of the total eligible costs of carrying out a reuse action at the abandoned site. Each local grantee that receives a grant award under this title shall be required to pay a non-Federal share in an amount equal to 25 percent of the total eligible costs of carrying out the reuse action at the abandoned site that is the subject of the grant award.
  - "(6) EXCEPTION.—Subject to sections 906 and 909, the Secretary (or in the case of a State demonstration program under section 905, the Governor) may fund up to 100 percent of the total eligible costs of carrying out a reuse action at an aban-

| 1  | doned site if the Secretary (or the Governor) obtains     |
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| 2  | satisfactory assurances from the grant recipient          |
| 3  | that—   |
| 4  | "(A) a transfer of the abandoned site will                |
| 5  | occur as part of the redevelopment or reuse of            |
| 6  | the site;   |
| 7  | "(B) the net proceeds realized from the                   |
| 8  | transfer of the site will reasonably approximate          |
| 9  | at least 25 percent of the eligible costs of carry-       |
| 10 | ing out a reuse action at the site; and                   |
| 11 | "(C) an amount reasonably approximating                   |
| 12 | 25 percent of the eligible costs referred to in           |
| 13 | subparagraph (B) from the net proceeds re-                |
| 14 | ferred to in subparagraph (B), will be paid               |
| 15 | promptly upon receipt of the proceeds by or on            |
| 16 | behalf of the grant recipient to the Secretary            |
| 17 | (or the Governor).  |
| 18 | "SEC. 905. DELEGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION TO STATE          |
| 19 | DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.                                    |
| 20 | "On a State-by-State basis, the Secretary may, in lieu    |
| 21 | of awarding grants to individual local grantees, award a  |
| 22 | grant to a State that submits an approved application to  |
| 23 | the Secretary to conduct a State demonstration program    |
| 24 | to carry out the demonstrations described in section      |
| 25 | 904(b). Subject to the limitations referred to in section |

- 1 904(d), under a State demonstration program, the Gov-
- 2 ernor of a State shall have the authority to select aban-
- 3 doned sites and allocate assistance from amounts awarded
- 4 to the State pursuant to this section.
- 5 "SEC. 906. FUNDING.
- 6 "(a) IN GENERAL.—Payment of the non-Federal
- 7 share under section 904(d)(5) may be made from funds
- 8 from any non-Federal source, and may include services or
- 9 equipment necessary to carry out the reuse action.
- 10 "(b) Avoidance of Windfall From Grant
- 11 AWARD.—
- 12 "(1) IN GENERAL.—A local grantee, shall, as a
- condition to receiving a grant award, enter into an
- agreement with the Secretary (or in the case of a
- 15 State demonstration program under section 905, the
- Governor) that requires the payment of an amount
- specified in paragraph (2) to the Secretary (or the
- Governor) by the local grantee of any amount of
- compensation that the local grantee may recover
- from another person as compensation for the cost of
- carrying out a reuse action at the abandoned site
- that is the subject of the grant award.
- 23 "(2) Amount of payment.—The amount of
- payment described in this paragraph shall be—

| 1  | "(A) in addition to the amount required to                     |
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| 2  | be paid pursuant to section 904(d)(6); and                     |
| 3  | "(B) an amount equal to 85 percent of any                      |
| 4  | amount by which the amount recovered (net of                   |
| 5  | recovery costs) exceeds the non-Federal share of               |
| 6  | the local grantee.   |
| 7  | "(c) Avoidance of Windfall Where Local                         |
| 8  | GRANTEE IS NOT SITE OWNER.—In the event that—                  |
| 9  | "(1) an abandoned site that is the subject of a                |
| 10 | grant award under this title is not owned by the               |
| 11 | local grantee that receives the award, or                      |
| 12 | "(2) an action is taken with respect to an aban-               |
| 13 | doned site to enable the reuse or redevelopment of             |
| 14 | real property immediately adjacent to the abandoned            |
| 15 | site, and the local grantee does not own the adjacent          |
| 16 | site,  |
| 17 | the local grantee shall be required, as a condition of receiv- |
| 18 | ing the grant award, to enter into an agreement that is        |
| 19 | satisfactory to the Secretary with the owner of the site       |
| 20 | or adjacent site. The agreement shall ensure that the          |
| 21 | owner of the site or adjacent site will not realize a windfall |
| 22 | from the assistance provided under the grant, and the          |
| 23 | local grantee will be able to meet the requirements of this    |
| 24 | title.   |
| 25 | "(d) Other Recovery of Federal Assistance.—                    |

| 1  | "(1) In general.—                                 |
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| 2  | "(A) AMOUNT.—An agreement referred to             |
| 3  | in subsection (b)(1) shall specify that as a con- |
| 4  | dition of receiving a grant award under this      |
| 5  | title, the grant recipient shall be required to   |
| 6  | pay to the Secretary (or the Governor) the sum    |
| 7  | of—   |
| 8  | "(i) the amount of the grant award                |
| 9  | and   |
| 10 | "(ii) the amount of interest accrued              |
| 11 | on the amount referred to in clause (i)           |
| 12 | from the date of the awarding of the grant        |
| 13 | (at a rate determined by the Secretary)           |
| 14 | if a condition described in clause (i) or (ii) of |
| 15 | subparagraph (B) is met.                          |
| 16 | "(B) Failure to initiate.—If, with re-            |
| 17 | spect to the abandoned site that is the subject   |
| 18 | of the grant—                                     |
| 19 | "(i) a reuse action has not been initi-           |
| 20 | ated by 1 year after the date that the            |
| 21 | grant is awarded; or                              |
| 22 | "(ii) the redevelopment or reuse has not          |
| 23 | been completed in a timely manner (as de-         |
| 24 | termined by the Secretary, or, in the case        |

| 1  | of a State demonstration program under                     |
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| 2  | section 905, the Governor),                                |
| 3  | the grant recipient shall be required to make a            |
| 4  | payment pursuant to subparagraph (A).                      |
| 5  | "(2) Timing of Repayment.—A repayment re-                  |
| 6  | ferred to in paragraph (1) shall be due upon notice        |
| 7  | to the grant recipient by the Secretary (or the Gov-       |
| 8  | ernor) that a condition described in clause (i) or (ii)    |
| 9  | of paragraph (1)(B) has been met.                          |
| 10 | "(3) Waiver.—The Secretary (or the Gove                    |
| 11 | ernor) may waive the requirement for repayment             |
| 12 | under paragraph (1) or may require only partia             |
| 13 | payment of the amount specified in paragraph (1) is        |
| 14 | the Secretary, (or the Governor) determines that—          |
| 15 | "(A) the grant recipient acted in a manner                 |
| 16 | consistent with the requirements of section                |
| 17 | 904(b); and  |
| 18 | "(B) exigent circumstances contributed to                  |
| 19 | the delay.   |
| 20 | "(e) Use of Recovered Funds.—The Secretary                 |
| 21 | (or the Governor) may use funds recovered pursuant to      |
| 22 | this section to make additional grant awards in accordance |
| 23 | with this title. The Governor may issue an additional      |
| 24 | grant award with funds recovered pursuant to this section  |

- 1 without regard to the requirement for preapproval by the
- 2 Secretary under section 905.

#### 3 "SEC. 907. CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTION.

- 4 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary (or in the case of
- 5 a State demonstration program under section 905, the
- 6 Governor), after receiving completed applications for grant
- 7 awards under this title, shall select abandoned sites and
- 8 allocate awards. In making the grant awards, the Sec-
- 9 retary (or the Governor) shall take into account the follow-
- 10 ing criteria:
- "(1) The extent to which economic, social, and 11 such other benefits of the redevelopment or reuse of 12 the site as the Secretary (or the Governor) deter-13 14 mines to be appropriate, including the employment 15 and job training opportunities, and other related benefits to persons of low income who are residents 16 17 of the local community in which the site is located, 18 are likely to exceed the costs of the redevelopment 19 or reuse of the site. In determining the benefits, the 20 Secretary (or the Governor) shall consider the amount of job opportunities to be retained or cre-21 22 ated, expected increases in economic activity within

the community, expected increases in local tax reve-

nue, capital resources to be conserved, and such

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- other public resources as the Secretary (or the Governor) determines will be conserved.
  - "(2) The extent of need for assistance under this title to fund a reuse action.
  - "(3) The extent of contribution from non-Federal sources, including capital investment by private parties, expected to occur in connection with the redevelopment or reuse of the site.
  - "(4) The degree of economic and social distress of the local community in which the site is located, determined by considering the amount of loss of community employment in the industrial sector, the rate and period of unemployment, the relative per capita income of local community residents, any decline in economic activity, any population loss or growth that is disproportionate to local economic opportunity, and such other related factors as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.
  - "(5) The degree of cooperation among appropriate Federal agencies and departments and agencies of relevant States and political subdivisions of the States, as well as between the departments and agencies and private parties.
  - "(6) Whether the redevelopment or reuse of the site will be achieved in a timely manner.

- 1 "(7) Whether and to what extent the State or
- 2 unit or units of general local government in which
- 3 the site is located have established an ongoing pro-
- 4 gram or programs to facilitate the redevelopment or
- 5 reuse of abandoned sites.
- 6 "(8) Such other factors as the Secretary consid-
- 7 ers relevant to the purposes of the program author-
- 8 ized by this title.
- 9 "(b) Priority.—The Secretary (or in the case of a
- 10 State demonstration program under section 905, the Gov-
- 11 ernor) shall give the greatest priority to the criteria re-
- 12 ferred to in paragraphs (1) through (7) of subsection (a),
- 13 and shall give an equal degree of priority to each criterion
- 14 referred to in paragraphs (1) through (7) of subsection
- 15 (a).

#### 16 "SEC. 908. FEDERAL FACILITIES EXCLUDED.

- 17 "The Secretary (or in the case of a State demonstra-
- 18 tion program under section 905, the Governor) may not
- 19 award a grant under this title for a reuse action on a site
- 20 controlled by the Federal Government.
- 21 "SEC. 909. ELIGIBLE COSTS.
- 22 "(a) IN GENERAL.—Administrative and
- 23 nonadministrative costs for a reuse action carried out pur-
- 24 suant to a grant program under section 904 or a State

- 1 demonstration program under section 905 shall constitute
- 2 eligible costs.
- 3 "(b) Nonadministrative Costs Defined.—For
- 4 the purposes of this section, the term 'nonadministrative
- 5 costs' shall include the cost of—
- 6 "(1) identifying the probable extent and nature
- of, and preferred manner of carrying out, a reuse
- 8 action at an abandoned site;
- 9 "(2) fees relating to any application for ap-
- proval by a Federal agency or a department or agen-
- cy of a State or a political subdivision of a State,
- that is required and necessary to carry out a reuse
- action at an abandoned site; and
- 14 "(3) implementing a reuse action.
- 15 "(c) Administrative Cost Limitation.—Not more
- 16 than 10 percent of the amount of a grant award under
- 17 this title may be used for administrative costs.
- $18\,$  "SEC. 910. LIABILITY UNDER OTHER LAW; AVOIDANCE OF
- WINDFALL.
- 20 "(a) Liability Under Other Law.—Nothing in
- 21 this title is intended to relieve any person who had an in-
- 22 terest in an abandoned site prior to the initiation of a
- 23 reuse action that is the subject of grant award under this
- 24 title from liability under, or other requirements of, any
- 25 other provision of law.

| 1  | "(b) Avoidance of Windfall.—The Secretary (or               |
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| 2  | in the case of a State demonstration program under sec-     |
| 3  | tion 905, the Governor) shall implement a grant program     |
| 4  | under this title in a manner that does not—                 |
| 5  | "(1) relieve from liability under any other law             |
| 6  | any person referred to in subsection (a); and               |
| 7  | "(2) reduce the incentive of any such person to             |
| 8  | participate in funding the non-Federal share re-            |
| 9  | quired under section 906.                                   |
| 10 | "(c) Statutory Interpretation.—Nothing in                   |
| 11 | subsection (b) is intended to prevent a local grantee who   |
| 12 | acquires an abandoned site solely for the purpose of carry- |
| 13 | ing out a proposal to redevelop or reuse the site from ob-  |
| 14 | taining assistance under this title.                        |
| 15 | "SEC. 911. EVALUATION AND REPORT.                           |
| 16 | "(a) Evaluation.—   |
| 17 | "(1) In general.—Not later than December                    |
| 18 | 31, 1995, the Secretary shall conduct an initial eval-      |
| 19 | uation of the grant program established under sec-          |
| 20 | tion 904 and any State demonstration program es-            |
| 21 | tablished under section 905. The evaluation shall be        |
| 22 | based on information that is available at the time of       |
| 23 | the evaluation.   |
| 24 | "(2) Data collection.—The Secretary (or in                  |
| 25 | the case of a State demonstration program under             |

- 1 section 905, the Governor) shall require that as a
- 2 condition to receiving a grant under this title, each
- grant recipient shall submit to the Secretary data
- 4 that indicate the actual costs, benefits, sources and
- 5 uses of funds, the results of an assisted redevelop-
- 6 ment or reuse project, and such other data as the
- 7 Secretary determines to be necessary for the evalua-
- 8 tion referred to in paragraph (1).
- 9 "(b) Confidentiality of Data Collected.—The
- 10 Secretary shall maintain confidentiality of data collected
- 11 from grant recipients in accordance with any applicable
- 12 law.
- 13 "(c) Report.—Upon completion of the evaluation re-
- 14 ferred to in subsection (a), but not later than December
- 15 31, 1995, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Con-
- 16 gress containing the findings and recommendations of the
- 17 Secretary.
- 18 "(d) Use of Contractors.—The Secretary may, in
- 19 accordance with any applicable law, enter into agreements
- 20 with such private contractors (including institutions of
- 21 higher education), as the Secretary determines necessary
- 22 for the preparation of the report referred to in subsection
- 23 (c).

#### 1 "SEC. 912. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

| 2  | "(a) In General.—The Secretary may use up to 5               |
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| 3  | percent of any amount appropriated to implement this         |
| 4  | title to fund technical assistance grants by the Secretary   |
| 5  | (or in the case of a State demonstration program under       |
| 6  | section 905, the Governor) to local grantees to facilitate   |
| 7  | their participation in the demonstration program estab-      |
| 8  | lished by this title and their successful achievement of the |
| 9  | purposes of this title.                                      |
| 10 | "(b) Purposes.—A local grantee may use a grant               |
| 11 | under this section to pay for up to the full amount of its   |
| 12 | costs—   |
| 13 | "(1) to identify the probable extent and nature              |
| 14 | of, and preferred manner of carrying out, a reuse            |
| 15 | action at an abandoned site;                                 |
| 16 | "(2) to identify potential non-Federal sources of            |
| 17 | capital for the redevelopment or reuse of an aban-           |
| 18 | doned site;  |
| 19 | "(3) to determine the means of implementing in               |
| 20 | connection with a reuse action a job training pro-           |
| 21 | gram that benefits persons of low-income who are             |
| 22 | residents of the local community in which an aban-           |
| 23 | doned site is located;                                       |
| 24 | "(4) to identify public agencies cooperation with            |
| 25 | which would be necessary to carry out a reuse ac-            |
| 26 | tion; or   |

| 1 | "(5) for such other purposes approved by the         |
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| 2 | Secretary as directly relate to the local grantee's  |
| 3 | successfully organizing the human and other re-      |
| 4 | sources and cooperative action necessary to carrying |
| 5 | out a reuse action                                   |

- 6 "(c) Repayment Obligation.—If a local grantee
- 7 obtains a technical assistance grant pursuant to this sec-
- 8 tion and subsequently obtains a grant to carry out a reuse
- 9 action under this title, the grant recipient's payment obli-
- 10 gation under section 906(d) shall include the amount of
- 11 the technical assistance grant.
- 12 "SEC. 913. REGULATIONS.
- "Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
- 14 of this title, the Secretary shall issue such rules and regu-
- 15 lations as are necessary to carry out this title.
- 16 "SEC. 914. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
- 17 "There are authorized to be appropriated to the De-
- 18 partment of Housing and Urban Development for the pur-
- 19 poses of carrying out this title \$100,000,000 for each of
- 20 the fiscal years 1994, 1995, and 1996. Such sums shall
- 21 remain available until expended.".

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